GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5227
ANSWERED ON:27.04.2000
IMPORT BY RAILWAYS
PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) total imports made by Railways and expenditure incurred thereon during 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 item/country-wise;

(b) whether these imports could have been avoided;

(c) whether any delegations for negotiation of imports had gone to Germany, France and other countries during the above period at the behest of Railway Board; and

(d) if so, the names of the Heads of delegations in respective countries and the areas of negotiation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(b) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5227 SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.04.2000 REGARDING IMPORT BY RAILWAYS.

(a) The imports during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 were Rs. 338.39 crores, Rs. 291.23 crores and Rs. 552.05 crores respectively as per statement enclosed as Appendix. The data for the year 1999-2000 is not yet compiled. The imports have been mainly from USA, Germany, Japan,Ukraine, Russia, Romania, China, UK, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Singapore, Mexico,Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden, Australia, Brazil, France, Canada and Poland.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Appendix referred to in reply to Part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question NO. 5227 for 27.4.2000.

Statement of imports.

(Rs. in crore)

SN	Item(s)	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
1.	Steam Loco parts and fittings	0.41	0.23	-
2.	Diesel Loco parts and fittings	113.64	75.21	114.44
3.	Electric loco parts and fittings	35.03	68.64	4.54
4.	Carriage, wagon and EMU parts and fittings	3.27	10.56	211.46
5.	Electrical Stores	2.45	3.72	3.53
6.	Engineering Stores	15.20	10.48	32.25

7 Ball and roller bearings	2.32	1.66	3.98
8. General stores covering acids, chemicals, drugs etc.	9.74	12.57	9.64
9. Metal ferrous	9.76	11.96	7.97
10. Other items (including complete units of rolling stocks i.e. bogies, wheelsets, couplers etc.)	146.57	96.20	164.24
Total	338.39	291.23	552.05

Rs. 207 crore is for procurement of high technology ABB Electric Loco components.